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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with a corresponding European application. A copy of each of the references is submitted herewith. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

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